Q: Can hibiscus be "budded" like citrus?
A: They can be, if desired. Grafting, however, produces a quicker and better shaped plant.

Q: What varieties make the best root stock for grafted plants?
A: This is a difficult question to answer. Most commercial plants are on Painted Lady or Single Scarlet. Others may be just as suitable or possibly superior on some types of soil. Only experiment can tell.

Q: May anyone sell plants?
A: Before any plant is offered for sale or exchange, you should register with the State Plant Board. A nominal charge is made for inspection and certification that plants are free of disease. Local zoning may also be considered, especially if plants are bought and offered for re-sale.

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LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Dear Mrs. Calais,

Enclosed check for my renewal to the SEED POD and to report my luck with the 10 seed. I have 6 nice plants 4 did not come up. I am truly proud of these my daughter (whom I live with) and I both love hibiscus although we have to bank them in the winter. We seldom lose one, but it makes them late to bloom. We don't have too many varieties. Could you tell me any members or nursery who would mail me cuttings from some of their best plants? I have splendid luck rooting them although I am 72 years young and will pay whatever they charge for them. Certainly will appreciate the favor especially PRINCESS MARGARET. I had one of those but lost it. I enjoyed your letter so much in SEED POD - your visit to Texas and wishing us a good year and a mild winter this year.

Mrs. A. G. Stacey
Gulfshores, Alabama

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Dear Mrs. Calais,

Mr. Rutledge received his SEED POD the day I mailed the letter to you. I advised him to give the extra copy to a friend who should join the American Hibiscus Society. If every member tried each year to secure a new member how we would grow! We are growing and perhaps many members are getting other hobby hibiscus growers to join.

I appreciated the L. A. and T. H. names and addresses. I think it would be worthwhile to devote an entire issue of S.P. to listing members and their addresses. I am corresponding with a California member whose name I secured by other means and he sent me cuttings of over 20 varieties. They were in the mail 10 days but were in good condition and the grafts took.

Mrs. O. S. Gladding
1053 Bass Boulevard
Dunedin, Florida

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Dear Billie,

I have enjoyed the 1st year of my A.H.S. membership, even tho somewhat vicariously from this distance. However, between SEED POD and Ross Gast, I do get a fair picture of your activities.

Incidentally, if any copies of SEED POD prior to the 2-3-4/'57 issue are still available I'd be interested.

You might pass onto Mr. Thompson for me, that while it's still too early for a formal report - out of the 14 seeds received last year 9 germinated and are coming along nicely. At this point they range from 6 to 12" in height with considerable variation in leaf form - that's about all I can tell now. If our "unusual" heat wave continues, they may really take off.

J. W. Staniforo
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Pasadena, California

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